**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION - 37 CFR §1.63**  
**COMBINED WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My citizenship, residence, and mailing address are as stated below, next to my name.
2. I believe that, I am the original and first inventor (if only one name is listed below), or that we are the original and first inventors (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought, on the invention entitled:

Thermoplastic Fibers Exhibiting Durable High Color Strength Characteristics

the specification of which is:

\_\_\_ attached hereto.  
\_\_\_ was filed on August 30, 2003, as Serial No. 10/651,444.  
\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended under Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, and as amended by any amendment referred to above.
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me which is material to the patentability of the application as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.
5. I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below.

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6. I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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7. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under any of 35 USC §§119(a)-(d) and (f), 172, and 365(a)-(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any international application designating at least one country other than the United States, as listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any international applications


designating at least one country other than the United States, filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the applications of which priority is claimed.

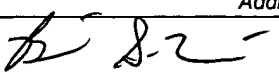
| Prior Foreign Application Number | Country | Foreign Filing Date<br>MM/DD/YYYY | Priority Claimed? |    |
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8. I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the Customer Number 25280 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. Please send all correspondence to, and direct all telephone inquiries to, Customer Number 25280.

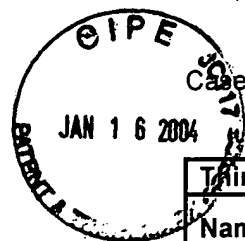
9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made re punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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